

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
South Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building
Via Video/Teleconference
Columbia SC 29211

Friday, February 5, 2021

Board Members Present

Lesly W. James, Ph.D., OTR/L, Chairperson
Ricardo Holmes, Sr., OTR/L, Vice-Chairperson
M. Rebecca Coleman, OTR/L
Hima Dalal, OTR/L
Todd Laliberte, OTR/L

Absent Members

Melissa Hevia, OTA

Staff Present

Mack Williams, Board Administrator
Adam Russell, Advice Counsel

Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Board of Occupational Therapy Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building 110 Centerview Drive, via video/teleconference and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Call to Order

Dr. James, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01am. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting was held via video/teleconference.

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the November 13, 2020, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

Approval/Disapproval of absent members

Motion: In open session, Ms. Dalal made a motion to approve the absence of Ms. Hevia. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

Office of Investigations and Enforcement (OIE/IRC) Report: Mr. Hinson, Office of Investigations & Enforcement, presented the statistical and training report to the Board.

The Board accepted the statistical and training report as information.

IRC Recommendations

Mr. Hinson presented the IRC report to the Board. Case 2020-1 is recommended for dismissal.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the IRC recommendation for case 2020-1. The motion was seconded and approved.

Office of General Council (ODC) Report: Mr. Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, presented the ODC Report.

The Board accepted the ODC report as information.

Finance Report: Mr. Williams, Board Administrator, presented the financial report.

The Board accepted the finance report as information.

Ethics Commission: Mr. Williams reminded the Board to file with the Ethics Commission prior to the March 30, 2021 deadline.

Disciplinary Hearing

Memorandum of Agreement

Case 2019-5: The respondent made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was represented by Mr. Harvey Watson, esq. Mr. Gwynne presented the Memorandum of Agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [11:14a.m. --- 12:07p.m]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the MOA. The respondent will be publicly reprimanded with a civil penalty of five hundred \$500 dollars and restricted from working in a field educator role and supervising OT/OTA students for period of one year or until all requirements have been satisfied. The respondent must also complete a Board approved course or workshop in time management, ethics and field educator. The motion was seconded and approved.

Consent Agreement

Case 2019-11: The Respondent made a personal appearance before the Board by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel. Mr. Gwynne, Office of Disciplinary Council, presented the consent agreement to the Board.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to accept the consent agreement for case 2019-11. The motion was seconded and approved.

Application Hearings:

Initial Applications:

Dionne Joseph: The purpose of this hearing was to determine whether Ms. Joseph should be granted a license as an Occupational Therapist in South Carolina. Ms. Joseph made a personal appearance by video conference and was not represented by legal counsel.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to go into executive session for legal counsel. The motion was seconded and approved.

Executive Session: No votes were taken during executive session. [12:49p.m. - 1:02p.m]

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to come out of executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

Motion: In open session, Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant Ms. Joseph a license to practice Occupational Therapy with the condition that she obtain a Board approved supervisor for a period of one year, and within that one year the supervisor must submit monthly performance reports to the Board. The motion was seconded and approved.

Discussion Topics:

Delegate Authority to Board Chair to sign Consent Agreements

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to grant authority to the Board Chair to approve consent agreements. The motion was seconded and approved.

2021 Renewals: The Board discussed the 2021 renewals.

Legislative Update: Mr. Russel updated the Board on current legislation.

Election of Officers

Motion: In open session, Mr. Laliberte made a motion to nominate Dr. James as Chairperson and Mr. Holmes as Vice Chairperson. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Administrator

5-7-21
Date